Aircraft on Regular Flights

6551. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircraft presently under operation of the Indian Airlines on regular scheduled flights;

(b) the number of aircraft the Indian Airlines requires to meet the requirement of all the scheduled flights according to scientific Aviation norms;

(c) whether there is no regular maintenance of these aircraft;

(d) whether complaints have been received from operational and commercial departments of the Indian Airlines to this effect; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At present Indian Airlines is operating seven A-300; twelve A-320 and eighteen B-737 aircraft daily on its scheduled services.

(b) With the full reinduction of all the 18 Airbus A-320 aircraft in its fleet and with the acquisition of 12 more Airbus A-320 aircraft from November, 1992 onwards, Indian Airlines will be in a better position to cater to the traffic demand.

(c) All aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are maintained as per the maintenance schedule approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Development of Kappad for Tourism Promotion

6552. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kappad near Calicut in Kerala where Vasco-de-Gama landed in 1498 has been declared as a place of tourist importance;

(b) whether the Government propose to develop Kappad as a beach resort; and

(c) if so, the specific proposals and investment sanctioned so far for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Central Department of Tourism has no policy to declare any place as a place of tourist importance.

(b) and (c). The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 67.24 lakhs for development of a beach resort at Kappad, to the State Government of Kerala.

Railway Over-bridges in Kerala

6553. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway over-bridges under construction in Kerala and in what stage of construction is work at each of these sites;

(b) other proposals already sanctioned with detailed plan and estimates;

(c) new proposals, if any, received by the Government; and

(d) priority given by the Government of